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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of)
Section 63.71 Application of Contel of the South)
Inc. (d/b/a Verizon North Systems); GTE)
Southwest Incorporated (d/b/a Verizon)
Southwest Incorporated); Verizon California)
Inc.; Verizon Florida LLC; Verizon New York)
Inc.; Verizon North Inc.; Verizon Northwest)
Inc.; and Verizon South Inc.)

For Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of)
the Communications Act of 1934,)
To Discontinue the Provision of Service)

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**SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION OF CONTEL OF THE SOUTH
INC. (D/B/A VERIZON NORTH SYSTEMS); GTE SOUTHWEST
INCORPORATED (D/B/A VERIZON SOUTHWEST); VERIZON CALIFORNIA
INC.; VERIZON FLORIDA LLC; VERIZON NEW YORK INC.; VERIZON
NORTH INC.; VERIZON NORTHWEST INC.; AND VERIZON SOUTH INC.**

Contel of the South Inc. (d/b/a Verizon North Systems); GTE Southwest Incorporated
(d/b/a Verizon Southwest); Verizon California Inc.; Verizon Florida LLC; Verizon New
York Inc.; Verizon North Inc.; Verizon Northwest Inc.; and Verizon South Inc.
(collectively "Verizon") hereby submit this Application for authority under Section
214(a) of the Communications Act and Section 63.71 of the Commission's rules to
discontinue Fractional T1 service and NYNEX Enterprise Fractional DS1 service
("Fractional DS1 service").

Verizon currently offers Fractional DS1 service in its service territory in New York
and offers Fractional T1 service in its service territory in California, Florida, Idaho,
Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania,
South Carolina, Texas, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin. Subject to the

Commission's authorization of the proposed service discontinuance, Verizon will no longer accept new orders or changes to existing orders for Fractional T1 or Fractional DS1 services on or after December 16, 2008.

As required by Sections 63.71(a) and (b) of the Commission's rules, Verizon provides the following information:

1. Name and Address of Carriers (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71 (a)(1), (b)(2)):

**Contel of the South, Inc. (d/b/a
Verizon North Systems)**
600 Hidden Ridge
Irving, Texas 75038

Verizon South Inc.
201 N. Franklin Street
One Tampa City Center
Tampa, Florida 33602

**GTE Southwest Incorporated
(d/b/a Verizon Southwest)**
600 Hidden Ridge
Irving, Texas 75038

Verizon California Inc.
112 Lakeview Canyon Road
Thousand Oaks, California 91362

Verizon Florida LLC
201 North Franklin Street
One Tampa City Center
Tampa, Florida 33602

Verizon New York Inc.
140 West Street
New York, New York 10007

Verizon North Inc.
8001 West Jefferson Boulevard
Fort Wayne, Indiana 46804

Verizon Northwest Inc.
1800 41st Street
Everett, Washington 98201

2. Date of Planned Service Discontinuance (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a)(2), (b)(2)):

Subject to the Commission's authorization to discontinue service pursuant to Section 63.71(c) of the Commission's rules, effective on or after December 16, 2008, Verizon will no longer accept new orders or changes to existing orders for Fractional T1 or Fractional DS1 services. Month-to-month customers will eventually be asked to transition their Fractional T1 and/or Fractional DS1 services to alternative bandwidth services. Customers with term plans will be asked to disconnect their Fractional T1 and/or Fractional DS1 services at the end of their term.

3. Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a)(3), b(2)):

Verizon will discontinue Fractional DS1 service in Verizon's service territory in New York and will also discontinue Fractional T1 service in Verizon's service territory in California, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin.

4. Brief Description of Type of Service Affected (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a)(4), b(2)):

Fractional T1 service provides a special access termination of N x 56 Kbps and N x 64 Kbps where N=2, 4, and 6. Fractional T1 service can be designed to carry various DS0 combinations when customer applications require greater bandwidth than a traditional DS0 circuit, but less bandwidth than a traditional DS1 1.544 Mbps service. Verizon's Fractional DS1 service provides special access terminations of 128, 256, 384, 512 or 768 Kbps channel bandwidth delivered as a single bit rate. Verizon is discontinuing these services because Verizon's vendor has discontinued the manufacture of Verizon-approved equipment for these services.

The public convenience and necessity will not be impaired by these proposed service discontinuances because Verizon offers alternative services. While Verizon will cease accepting

new orders and modifications to existing orders for these services on or after December 16, 2008, Verizon will continue providing these services to customers with term plans through the end of their term. Customers with month-to-month plans will eventually be asked to transition to alternative bandwidth services.

5. Brief Description of the Dates and Methods of Notice to All Affected Customers (47 C.F.R. § 63.71 (b)(3)):

Notices were sent to the impacted customers via U.S. Mail on September 24, 2008. A copy of this notice is attached as Exhibit A.

Copies of this Application are being sent via first class U.S. Mail to the governor and public utilities commission for each affected state, and also to the Special Assistant for Telecommunications to the Secretary of Defense, as required by Section 63.71(a) of the Commission's rules.

6. Regulatory Classification of Carrier (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(b)(4)):

Verizon is considered dominant with respect to the services being discontinued.

CONCLUSION

Verizon respectfully requests that the Commission approve this Application.

Respectfully submitted,



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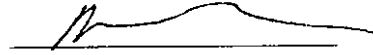
Counsel for Verizon

Michael Glover
Of Counsel

September 25, 2008

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 25th day of September 2008, I served a copy of the foregoing Section 63.71 Application by U.S. Mail postage prepaid to the following on the attached list:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rashann R. Duvall', is written over a horizontal line.

Rashann R. Duvall

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**Secretary of Defense
Attn: Special Asst. for
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Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301**



September 24, 2008

Re: Notice of Discontinuation of Verizon's Fractional T1 and DS1 Services

Dear Mr. Cummings:

Effective on or after December 16, 2008, Verizon New York Inc. and the Verizon West operating telephone companies¹ (collectively, "Verizon"), located at the addresses listed on Attachment 1, will no longer allow new orders for (or changes to existing) the Fractional T1 Service offered in FCC Tariffs Nos. 14 and 16 or the NYNEX Enterprise Fractional DS1 Service ("Fractional DS1 Service") offered in FCC Tariff No. 11.² The states affected are California, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin. The specific limits of this discontinuation are set forth below.

Fractional T1 Service provides a special access termination of N x 56 kbps and N x 64 kbps, where N = 2, 4, and 6. Fractional T1 Service can be designed to carry various DS0 combinations when customer applications require greater bandwidth than a traditional single DS0 circuit, but less bandwidth than a traditional DS1 1.544 Mbps service. Fractional DS1 Service provides a special access termination of 128, 256, 384, 512, or 768 kbps channel bandwidth delivered as a single bit rate.

Verizon is discontinuing Fractional T1 and DS1 services because Verizon's vendor has discontinued the manufacture of Verizon-approved equipment for these services. Customers will eventually be asked to transition their Fractional T1 and DS1 services to alternative bandwidth services.

¹ The Verizon West operating telephone companies are Verizon North Inc., Verizon California Inc., Verizon Florida LLC, Verizon Northwest Inc., Verizon South Inc., GTE Southwest Incorporated (d/b/a Verizon Southwest), and Contel of the South Inc.

² Fractional T1 service is described in the applicable provisions of Verizon's tariffs, including but not limited to Section 5.1.1 of FCC Tariff No. 14 and Section 7.2.1 of FCC Tariff No. 16. Fractional DS1 Service is described in the applicable provisions of Verizon's tariffs, including but not limited to Section 7.2.13 of FCC Tariff No. 11.

After the discontinuance is effective, the following limitations will apply to customers with existing Fractional T1 and DS1 services: (1) orders for new service, whether term plan or month-to-month, will not be allowed; (2) moves, rearrangements, or any other changes in termination at the Customer Designated Location or the Central Office will not be allowed; (3) renewal of term plans for Fractional T1 and DS1 services, as well as any associated mileage term plans, will not be allowed; (4), upon expiration of a term plan, the customer must disconnect the Fractional T1 or DS1 service; and (5) current month-to-month customers of Fractional T1 and DS1 services may continue on a month-to-month basis until they are asked to transition their service to an alternate bandwidth service.

If you wish to make arrangements for alternative service or have questions about this letter, please contact your Verizon account team representative.

Sincerely,

Sean J. Sullivan
Director
Verizon Market Management

IMPORTANT NOTE: The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service (or reduction or impairment) unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments as soon as possible, but no later than 30 days after the Commission releases public notice of the proposed discontinuance. Address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, Washington, D.C. 20054, and include in your comments a reference to the Sec. 63.71 Application of Verizon. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance (or reduction or impairment) upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

ATTACHMENT 1

This notice is provided on behalf of the following Verizon telephone operating companies located at the addresses listed below:

Verizon California Inc.
112 Lakeview Canyon Road
Thousand Oaks, California 91362

Verizon Florida LLC
201 North Franklin Street
One Tampa City Center
Tampa, Florida 33602

Verizon New York Inc.
140 West Street
New York, NY 10007

Verizon North Inc.
8001 West Jefferson Boulevard
Fort Wayne, Indiana 46804

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